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SUMMARY: A LEFTIST COMMANDO GROUP, PROBABLY CONNECTED
TO THE SANDINISTAS, THOUGH NOT IDENTIFIED AS SUCH,
CLAIMED CREDIT FOR APRIL 11 BOMBINGS AND INDICATED
FURTHER INCIDENTS MIGHT OCCUR. MINISTER OF SECURITY
CHARPENTIER ANNOUNCED FORMATION OF AN ANTI-TERRORIST
UNIT. POLICE REMAIN ILL-EQUIPPED TO COUNTER COORDINATED
TERRORIST CAMPAIGN. END SUMMARY.

1. A GROUP CALLING ITSELF "COMMANDO REVOLUCIONARIO DE
SOLIDARIDAD" (CRS), IN A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED APRIL 12,
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CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE APRIL 11 BOMBING OF THE
US ODC AND TWO OTHER LOCATIONS (REFTEL A). PREVIOUSLY
THE SAME GROUP TOOK CREDIT FOR THE NOVEMBER 24, 1976
BOMBING OF THE COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTRY. ASIDE
FROM THE COMMUNIQUE, THE COMMANDO IS AN UNKNOWN ENTITY.

2. THE COMMUNIQUE WHICH WAS DRAFTED IN VAGUELY MARXIST

TERMINOLOGY LINKED THE BOMBINGS WITH THE FIGHT AGAINST YANKEE IMPERIALISM, US MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS (BY NAME), AND ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS AID, BID, IDB, AND CONDECA. IT DID NOT MENTION THE APRIL 7 DEATH OF NICARAGUAN SANDINISTA LEADER CARLOS AGUERO, THE US EMBASSY, OR THE CIA.

3. MINISTER OF SECURITY CHARPENTIER DENOUNCED THE BOMBINGS, ASKED FOR THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE LEADS, AND ANNOUNCED THAT THE POLICE HAVE CREATED A SPECIAL SQUAD TO COUNTER TERRORISM AND INVESTIGATE TERRORIST INCIDENTS. IN ADDITION, HE SAID THAT DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND OTHER LIKELY TARGETS OF FUTURE ATTACKS ARE RECEIVING EXPANDED POLICE PROTECTION.

4. SO FAR, TERRORISTS HAVE MAINTAINED CUSTOM OF TAKING CARE TO SEE THAT BOMBS EXPLODE AT TIMES WHEN PEOPLE ARE NOT PRESENT. IN CASE OF AIRPORT BOMBING, AUTHORITIES RECEIVED CALL AND CLEARED AREA WHERE BOMB EXPLODED.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT CRS IS PROBABLY A COVER FOR LEFTIST SANDINISTAS WHO ARE ENRAGED OVER AGUERO'S DEATH, AND WHO NOW HAVE A CLEAR RECORD OF RESPONDING LOCALLY TO SANDINISTA SETBACKS IN NICARAGUA WITH BOMBS. WITHOUT IDENTIFYING PUBLICLY WITH SANDINISTAS, THE "CRS" HAS MADE ITS POINT CLEARLY. THE QUESTION THIS TIME IS WHETHER OR NOT THE BOMBINGS WILL GO ON. IF THEY DO, GOCR SECURITY FORCES WOULD BE HARD PRESSED TO PREVENT OR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTAIN SUCH A CAMPAIGN. THE ONLY CONSOLATION IS THE TENDENCY OF THE TERRORISTS, SO FAR, TO USE LOW INTENSITY DEVICES, AND TO PLAN THEIR ACTIVITIES IN SUCH A WAY AS NOT TO HURT PEOPLE.
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